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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 263,000 head as of October 1, 2016. The latest inventory was down 3 percent from last month's inventory but 10 percent above October 1, 2015. The inventory included 258,000 steers and steer calves, 9 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 5,000 head, are up 25 percent from a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during September 2016, down 12 percent from the previous month but up 24 percent from the September 2015 marketings. An estimated 14,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during September 2016, no change from last month but 22 percent below the September 2015 placements of 18,000 head. Other disappearance for September 2016, at 1,000 head, was the same as last month but 1,000 head below last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on October 1, 2016. The inventory was slightly above October 1, 2015. The inventory included 6.83 million steers and steer calves, down 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 67 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.44 million head, up 4 percent from 2015. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.91 million head, 2 percent below 2015. Placements were the lowest for September since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.86 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 345,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 300,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 455,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 805,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.73 million head, 5 percent above 2015. Other disappearance totaled 42,000 head during September, 26 percent below 2015.

For a full copy of the October 2016 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.